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### 1. CHINA

UPI'S LONGWORTH (BRUSSELS) REPORTS EUROPEAN BUSINESS SOURCES SAID TUESDAY PRC IS QUIETLY, MYSTERIOUSLY BUYING HUGE STOCKS OF ALUMINUM, MANGANESE, TUNGSTEN, OTHER NONFERROUS, STRATEGIC METALS ON WESTERN MARKETS; THEY SUGGEST PEKING NOW HAS ENOUGH ALUMINUM TO BUILD MORE THAN 20,000 JET FIGHTERS. LONGWORTH CITES WESTERN DEFENSE ANALYSTS SAYING THEY'RE PUZZLED BY PURCHASES; SPECULATE PEKING COULD USE METALS TO EXPAND MIL/CIVIL AIR INDUSTRY, SUPPLY HOUSING AND OTHER DOMESTIC NEEDS, UNCLASSIFIED

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OR HELP UNDERDEVELOPED NATIONS (GLOBE, JOC, PHINQ, NYDN).

WHO APPOINTS CHINESE TO HIGH-RANKING POSITION FOR FIRST TIME. DR CHEN WEN-CHIECH, HEAD OF DEPT OF SCIENTIFIC

RESEARCH OF CHINESE ACADEMY OF MEDICAL SCIENCES, NAMED  
ASSISTANT DIRECTOR-GEN (UPI, NYDN).

## 2. INDOCHINA/THAILAND

SEN MCGOVERN ARRIVES HANOI, GREETED BY XUAN THUY,

OTHER OFFICIALS (REUTER HK).

WORLD BANK OFFICIAL EXPECTS SVN SEEK RECONSTRUCTION  
LOAN IN FUTURE. AT KINGSTON DEVELOPMENT CMTE MEETING  
LAST WK, SVIETS CIRCULATED DOCUMENT URGING WB, IMF  
DEMAND US PUT END TO FREEZING SOME 90 MILLION DOLS  
OF SVN-OWNED DEPOSITS IN US COMMERCIAL BANKS. US HAS  
ESTIMATED 50-60 MILLION DOLS ASSETS CONFISCATED IN SVN,  
INCLUDING REFINERIES, DAIRY PLANT, CONSTRUCTION EQUIPMENT,  
REAL ESTATE, PERSONAL PROPERTY, EMBASSY; US COULD  
THEORETICALLY USE SVN ASSETS TO COMPENSATE CLAIMANTS  
FOR ASSETS LOST. OFFICIAL RECKONS MERGED VN COULD  
RETAIN MEMBERSHIP, SO LONG AS ACCEPTS SVN'S OBLIGATIONS  
IN WB (FRANCIS, CSM).

INTL RED CROSS SAYS FORGERIES OF ITS TRAVEL DOCUMENT  
BEING SOLD IN THAILAND FOR UP TO 700 DOLS TO INDOCHINESE  
REFUGEES SEEKING MIGRATE TO EUR. GROUP 27 REFUGEES FROM  
VN, CAMBODIA, LAOS FOUND WITH FORGED PAPERS, STRANDED  
AT ORLY AFTER BEING DENIED ADMISSION BY FRENCH  
AUTHORITIES; 15 OTHERS EN ROUTE BEING DETAINED CAIRO  
(NYT SPECIAL).

## 3. MALAYSIA

PM RAZAK DIES IN LONDON (REUTER LONDON).

OFFICIALS BLAME SMUGGLERS FOR KEROSENE SHORTAGE; SAY  
FUEL SHIPPED INTO THAILAND WHERE CAN BE SOLD AT  
PROFIT (AP, NYDN).  
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## 4. INDONESIA

PERTAMINA, PHILLIPS PETROLEUM REPORT NEW OIL FIND IN IRIAN  
JAYA (JOC; WSJ).

## 5. JAPAN

MIKI SAYS JAPAN NOT DETERRED FROM SIGNING PROPOSED PEACE  
PACT WITH PRC, DESPITE GROMYKO CRITICISM OF "HEGEMONY  
CLAUSE" (WSJ). PM TOLD FOREIGN PRESS CLUB TUESDAY NO  
DATE SET FOR SIGNING, BUT WISHES DO SO 'SOON AS PRACTICAL.'  
ALSO SAID TREATY BY ITS NATURE DOES NOT INVITE PARTICIPA-  
TION OF THIRD PARTY (REUTER, CHITRIB).

WP'S SAAR IN TOKYO NOTES MIKI REBUFF OF SOV CAME "JUST HOURS" AFTER GROMYKO ENDED TALKS IN TOKYO. CITES AIDE SAYING TALKS LEFT MIKI WITH "SENSE OF IRRITATION AND DISPLEASURE." OBSERVERS BELIEVE GROMYKO MAY HAVE

UNWITTINGLY BROKEN DEADLOCK IN JAPAN'S RELATIONS WITH TWO GIANT COMMUNIST NEIGHBORS, IN MANNER SOV MAY REGRET. ADDS JOINT COMMUNIQUE, ISSUED 13 HOURS AFTER GROMYKO DEPARTURE, STATES BOTH NATIONS AGREED CONTINUE NEGOTIATIONS TOWARD "EARLY CONCLUSION OF PEACE TREATY," AND TALKS WILL BE RESUMED WHEN MIYAZAWA VISITS MOSCOW LATER THIS YEAR (ABRIDGED IN PHINQ).

SUN'S SEIDEN CITES JAPANESE PRESS REPORTS THAT MIKI PRIVATELY EXPRESSED DISMAY AT GROMYKO'S "TOTAL INTRANSIGENCE" ON NORTHERN ISLANDS ISSUE. SEES IMPLICATION IN MIKI PRESS CLUB STATEMENT OF TOUGHENING ATTITUDE TOWARD SOV, AND POSSIBLE BREAKTHROUGH IN LONG-STALEMATED NEGOTIATIONS TO IMPROVE RELATIONS WITH PRC.

HALLORAN (NYT) CALLS MIKI PRESS CLUB STATEMENT 'MAJOR POLICY SHIFT,' CERTAIN TO WIN WIDE DOMESTIC POLITICAL SUPPORT AMONG PRO-CHINESE BUSINESSMEN, INTELLECTUALS, LEFTISTS. NOTES PM ALSO STRUCK DOWN POLICY OF PREDECESSOR TANAKA BY STATING CONCEPT OF 'EQUIDISTANCE' BETWEEN PRC, SOV IS "MYTH," AND EXERCISE OF "STATIC UNCLASSIFIED

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RHETORIC" IN FOREIGN AFFAIRS "UNREALISTIC."

ITC FINDS BY 4-2 VOTE THAT IMPORTS OF THREE-PLY BIRCH DOORSKINS FROM JAPAN CAUSING INJURY US PRODUCERS. CLEARS WAY FOR IMPOSITION OF DUMPING DUTIES (JOC, WASHINGTON).

WSJ (TOKYO) CITES IRON AND STEEL FEDN FORECAST THAT SCRAP IMPORTS EXPECTED DECLINE "SOMEWHAT" IN JFY 76, FROM ESTIMATED 2.9 MILLION TONS CURRENT JFY, DUE SLACK DEMAND, HIGH INVENTORIES.

LLOYDS SAID MON. 115,000-TON NORWEGIAN ORE FREIGHTER "BERGE ISTRA" THAT VANISHED OFF MINDANAO TWO WEEKS AGO COULD BECOME BIGGEST INSURANCE LOSS IN MARITIME HISTORY. INSURANCE VALUE OF HULL 18.2 MILLION DOLS, EXCLUDING CARGO OF 188,000 TONS IRON ORE EN ROUTE JAPAN FROM BRAZIL (REUTER, LAT 1/13).

DATA 100 CORP ANNOUNCES FORMATION OF JOINT VENTURE, SUMISHO ELECTRONICS, WITH SUMITOMO SHOJI, TO MARKET COMPUTER TERMINALS, OTHER PRODUCTS IN JAPAN. EXPECTS 2.3 MILLION DOLS IN SALES THIS YEAR (WSJ, NY).

ISHIKAWAJIMA-HARIMA HEAVY INDUSTRIES CONTRACTS TO  
SELL 30 GAS-GATHERING AND BOOSTER PLANTS VALUED AT  
140 MILLION DOLS TO KUWAIT; DELIVERY BY JANUARY, 1978  
(WSJ, TOKYO).

6. KOREA

SEN DOLE (KANS) TUESDAY ASKED IRS INVESTIGATE WHETHER  
UNIFICATION CHURCH ADHERES RULES FOR TAX-EXEMPT  
ORGANIZATIONS. SAID IN PUBLIC STATEMENT, MUST PROTECT  
1ST AMENDMENT GUARANTEE OF RELIGIOUS FREEDOM, BUT  
AUDIT WARRANTED BY CONCERN OF PARENTS UNABLE OBTAIN  
ACCESS TO CHILDREN WHO JOINED SECT, OTHER ALLEGATIONS  
IN PRESS. ADDED PLANS BRING TO PRES FORD'S ATTENTION  
PETITION CIRCULATING KANSAS AND NEARBY STATES, ALREADY  
SIGNED BY 7,000, THAT REQUESTS AUDIT. NO IMMEDIATE  
IRS COMMENT (AP, WSTAR 1/13).  
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7. AUSTRALIA/NZ

GOA OFFERS NUKE-POWERED WARSHIPS OF ALLIED NAVIES  
USE OF COCKBURN SOUND BASE, NOW UNDER CONSTRUCTION,  
REVERSING COUNTRY'S PREVIOUS BAN ON NUKE VESSELS.  
IN WELLINGTON INTERVIEW GIVEN AFTER TALK WITH  
FOUR VISITING US SENATORS, MULDOON INDICATES NZ ABOUT  
TO LIFT SIMILAR BAN, TERMING RESTRICTION INCOMPATIBLE  
WITH ANZUS MEMBERSHIP (REUTER CANBERRA).

COMMENT AND ANALYSIS

8. CHINA

CHITRIB'S MACLEAN MAINTAINS THAT WHEN CHOU EN-LAI DIED,  
PRC LOST ITS "POLITICAL GYROSCOPE; -- MAN WHO HELD  
NATION TO RELATIVELY MODERATE COURSE, DESPITE FREQUENT,  
SOMETIMES VIOLENT, SWINGS TO RIGHT, LEFT.

SMITH HEMPSTONE (WP) INSISTS FAR TOO EARLY TO SAY CHOU'S  
DEATH WILL HAVE LITTLE EFFECT ON HEALTH OF SINO-US  
RELATIONS. CONTENDS HAK'S ASSERTION THAT "RELATIONS  
ARE DETERMINED BY PERMANENT INTERESTS, AND THEREFORE  
WILL CONTINUE ON THEIR PRESENT COURSE" IS BUT PIOUS  
HOPE -- FORMULATION MORE OF WAY THINGS OUGHT TO BE THAN  
OF WAY THEY ARE. SAYS CHOU'S SUCCESSOR MIGHT COME TO  
CONCLUSION, GIVEN INABILITY OR UNWILLINGNESS OF  
POST-WAR US TO PROJECT ITS POWER OVERSEAS, THAT BETTER  
PART OF VALOR FOR PEKING MAKE PEACE WITH SOVIET. SAYS  
THIS, OTHER POSSIBILITIES IN ADDITION, MUST BE VIEWED  
WITHIN UNCERTAIN CONTEXT OF WHO WILL BE IN WH YEAR  
FROM NOW AND WHAT POWER-MIX IN KREMLIN MAY BECOME.

TORONTO GLOBE AND MAIL'S MUNRO, IN PEKING, SUGGESTS POSSIBILITY PRC WILL ONCE AGAIN TURN ITS BACK SIMULTANEOUSLY ON BOTH US AND SOVIET MUST BE CONSIDERED SERIOUSLY. NOTES SOME PEKING LEADERS MIGHT WELL BE SAYING PRC SURVIVED BY GOING IT ALONG IN 60'S, AND CAN AGAIN -- AND THIS REASONING MIGHT SOUND ATTRACTIVE TO GROUP OF POST-CHOU LEADERS LESS INTERESTED IN FOREIGN UNCLASSIFIED

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AFFAIRS, SUSPICIOUS OF FOREIGN ENTANGLEMENTS, AND POSSESSED OF FEWER SKILLS WITH WHICH TO CONDUCT FOREIGN RELATIONS.

NOTING 10 HAK TRIPS TO PRC, PLUS TWO ACCOMPANYING PRESIDENTS, WHILE NO HIGH-RANKING PRC OFFICIAL HAS VISITED US, COPLEY'S NEILAN DEPLORES "ONE-SIDEDNESS" OF PRC-US RELATIONSHIP. OBSERVES US "HAS ACCEPTED, APPARENTLY WITHOUT ANY SERIOUS QUESTION," PEKING'S PROPOSITION THAT ITS LEADERS CANNOT VISIT US WHILE GROD DIPLOMATS WASHINGTON-BASED; AND PRC "EXTENDS THAT INSISTENCE -- AGAIN WITH NO VOICE OF DISPUTE" FROM US -- TO NEWSMEN, AS CHINESE USE "CONVENIENT PLOY" OF GROD NEWSMEN'S PRESENCE IN US AS EXCUSE KEEPING US NEWS ORGANIZATIONS FROM BASING CORRESPONDENTS IN PEKING.

ASSERTS HAK KNOWN FAVORING EXCLUSION US NEWSMEN FROM PEKING "FOR REASONS THAT HE KEEPS TO HIMSELF." SAYS AMONG ASTUTE ASIANS OF VARIED POLITICAL/IDEOLOGICAL PERSUASIONS, WHOLE SCENE SMACKS OF US BEING TAKEN FOR RIDE BY CHINESE. INSISTS THERE ARE NUMEROUS CASES AROUND WORLD WHERE PRC NEWSMEN POSTED AND ROC JOURNALISTS ALSO OPERATE.

NEILAN ASSERTS PRES FORD'S AGREEMENT WITH CHINESE DURING RECENT PRC VISIT NOT TO HOLD PRESS BACKGROUNDER WHILE TALKS GOING ON "WAS NOT ONLY PATENTLY ABSURD" BECAUSE OF ABSENCE SUBSTANTIVENESS IN TALKS ANYWAY, BUT WAS ANOTHER EXAMPLE OF US BEHAVIOR VIEWED IN ASIA AS WEAKNESS. CONTENTS HAK "OBVIOUSLY HAS HIS OWN REASONS FOR BOWING SO OFTEN" TO CHINESE, AND APPEARANCE SINO-US CLOSENESS GIVES SOVIET FITS, TENDS IMPROVE HAK'S BARGAINING HAND WHEN CONFRONTING SOVIET LEADERS; BUT THERE IS ALSO MATTER OF US PRESTIGE, STYLE. AMONG MANY ASIANS, US POSTURE BEFORE CHINESE IS DESCRIBED AS THAT OF "WET, LIMP NOODLE"; ABOUT TIME "ONE-SIDED NATURE" OF SINO-US RELATIONSHIP CORRECTED (SAN DIEGO UNION, DEC. 27).

NEILAN (DEC 21) CITES HAK'S INDICATION US LOOKING AT "JAPANESE MODEL" OF RELATIONS WITH PEKING. FEELS UNCLASSIFIED

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WOULD BE FATRLY EASY FOR US-TAIWAN TRADE COUNCIL, OR  
SIMILAR BODY, BE SET UP TO HANDLE CONSULAR/TRADE/CULTURAL  
RELS IF US BROKE OFFICIALLY WITH TAIPEI; BUT MORE  
DIFFICULT IMAGINE (A LA "JAPANESE MODEL") HAK SUCCESSFULLY  
FOLLOWING PEKING'S PROBABLE INSISTENCE PAN-AM CHANGE ITS  
NAME IF IT WANTED FLY INTO BOTH TAIPEI, PEKING; "FOR  
AMERICANS, THAT WOULD BE CARRYING THE KOWTOWING A STEP  
TOO FAR." THINKS DIP/TRADE/COMMERCIAL/CULTURAL TIES  
WOULD BE RELATIVELY EASY FOR US ESTABLISH; TOUGH NUT  
IS US-ROC MUTUAL DEFENSE TREATY -- IF US SUMMARILY  
ABROGATED IT, SHOCK WAVES COULD HAVE DAMAGING EFFECT  
TO OUR PRESTIGE THROUGHOUT WORLD. SO, HAK'S TASK WILL  
BE COMING UP WITH SOME FORMULA ASSURING CONTINUED TAIWAN  
SECURITY -- REPLACING TREATY WITH 'UNDERSTANDING"  
SOMEHOW THAT US WILL NOT LET TAIWAN BE SWALLOWED UP BY  
PRC, AT LEAST NOT MILITARILY.

NEILAN OBSERVES MUTUAL DEFENSE TREATY WITH ROC IS WHERE  
"JAPANESE MODEL" RUNS OUT OF "MODALITIES" FOR US FOLLOW,  
SINCE JAPAN HAS NO SUCH TREATY WITH TAIPEI. HAS NO DOBUT  
THAT WITH INDOCHINA COLLAPSE, TAIWAN TAKES ON ADDED  
STRATEGIC IMPORTANCE FOR DEFENSE OF SK, JAPAN. SUGGESTS  
LOT COULD HAPPEN BETWEEN NOW AND 1977, GENERAL TARGET  
DATE IN WHICH SOME MOVEMENT OF PRC RECOGNITION QUESTION

SEEMS MOST OBVIOUS. THINKS INTERNAL TURMOIL COULD  
POSSIBLY TEMPER PEKING'S DESIRE FOR QUICK-FIX ON  
ISSUE; OR, SUCH DEVELOPMENTS COULD MAKE PRC MORE  
EAGER AND ITS PRECONDITIONS LESS RIGID (SAN DIEGO  
UNION).

REED IRVINE (OF "ACCURACY IN MEDIA") WRITES WSTAR (JAN 13)  
QUESTIONING INFERENCE -- IN HAK'S DEC 28 INTERVIEW  
BY PAPER LISTING MAO AMONG WORLD'S GREAT FIGURES --  
THAT HAK CONSIDERS MAO HAS BEEN GOOD FOR PRC. SAYS  
WHILE THIS VIEW BOMBARDED THROUGH NEWS MEDIA PAST 4-5  
YEARS, MISSING FROM PRESS ARE REPORTS OF LONG-TIME PRC  
RESIDENTS WHO HAVE MANAGED GET OUT. CITES RECENT BOOK  
BY TAIWANESE LIU CHIN-YUAN, PUBLISHED IN JAPAN, WHICH  
ASSERTS THERE WAS AMPLE FOOD WHEN LIU ARRIVED IN CHINA  
IN 1953; BUT ALL THIS CHANGED IN 1954, TO RATIONING BY  
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QUEUE, COUPON RATIONING. LIU THINKS FEW CHINESE LIKE  
MAO'S REPRESSIVE SYSTEM; SAYS PERHAPS SOME LEADERS  
DO, BUT EVEN THEY LIVE IN FEAR.

NEILAN (JAN 4) REPORTS ON RECENT HK PRESS CONFERENCE  
BY HAN SUYIN, AUTHOR OF 'A MANY SPLENDORED THING,"

MAINTAINS SHE HAS NOW BECOME PRC'S MOST EFFECTIVE SPOKESPERSON IN VARIOUS ENGLISH-SPEAKING FORUMS AROUND WORLD. RECALLING SHE LAUNCHED INTO GLOWING REPORT ON LIFE IN TIBET -- WHICH, BECAUSE OF HER CLOSENESS TO PEKING AUTHORITIES, SHE ALLOWED VISIT -- NEILAN SUSPECTS PRC STILL HAS SERIOUS SECURITY PROBLEMS THERE. POINTS OUT PEKING HIGHLY SENSITIVE ON TIBET, AND EVEN HAN'S "ENTRANCING, EBULLIENT ORATORY" CANNOT HIDE FACT PEKING TRYING COVER UP SOME SERIOUS PROBLEMS THERE--COULD BE PRC'S FOREMOST INTERNAL PROBLEM AREA (SAN DIEGO UNION).

NEILAN, IN TAIPEI (PACIFIC BUSINESS NEWS, DEC 8) HOLDS THAT THREE-MILE WALK UP CHUNG SHAN NORTH ROAD FROM DOWNTOWN TO PALATIAL GRAND HOTEL ALLOWS WHOLE RANGE OF TAIWAN'S ECON BLOCKBUSTER TO SMACK ONE'S SENSES; DOUBTS THIS THREE-MILE MICROCOSM OF ROC HAS ANY COUNTERPART IN GRIM GRAYNESS OF PRC.

NEILAN (NOV 20) CONTENTS CCK, WITHOUT FANFARE, BRINGING SOME YOUNG FACES INTO GROC APPARATUS. TOO EARLY TO CHARACTERIZE CHANGE AS WIDE-RANGING ;YOUTH MOVEMENT,' BUT SIGNIFICANT THAT MORE PERSONS BETTER KNOWN FOR THEIR FUTURE ASPIRATIONS ON TAIWAN THAN FOR PAST PERFORMANCE ON MAINLAND ARE BEING BROUGHT INTO GROC STRUCTURE. SAYS MANY OF YOUNG NAMES ARE ADVANCED DEGREE

HOLDERS WHO COMPLETED AT LEAST PART OF STUDIES IN US; NAMES THREE, FORAFF VICE-MIN FREDERICK CHIEN; NATIONAL SCIENCE COUNCIL'S WANG CHI-WU; AND WEI YUNG, DEPUTY DIRECTOR INSTITUTE OF INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS.

CSM CARRIES TWO-PAGE SPREAD OF PHOTOS BY STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER METHENY ON LIFE IN TAIWAN -- YEHLIU PARK SCENE, TERRACED RICE PADDIES, MEN DOING HEAVY MANUAL LABOR, TEXTILE WORKERS, AND MEN READYING UNCLASSIFIED

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ROADBED FOR EXPANSION MACARTHUR HIGHWAY. CSM'S KILBORN NOTES WHILE ROC ONLY 110 MILES FROM MAINLAND, IS /LIGHT/ YEARS AWAY POLITICALLY." OBSERVES THAT "HARD-WORKING, SELF-SUPPORTING, PROGRESSIVE TAIWAN FORGES AHEAD DETERMINEDLY," EVEN WHILE MOST OF WORLD'S OTHER NATIONS EXTEND DIPLOMATIC RECOGNITION TO PRC, INSTEAD. DECLARES TAIWAN HAS BECOME ONE OF MOST ADVANCED COUNTRIES IN ASIA.

#### 9. PHILIPPINES

CHITRIB'S YATES AT MANILA LOOKS OVER MARTIAL LAW RESULTS; CONCLUDES ON SURFACE APPEARS GREAT SUCCESS WITH EVER-GROWING ACCEPTANCE. BUSINESSMEN ENDORSE IT FOR STABILITY, ATTRACTING FOREIGN INVESTMENT; WORKERS SATISFIED, SINCE INCOMES HAVE RISEN, WHILE NOT FEELING

DECREES LIMITING FREEDOM OF EXPRESSION. YATES DETECTS GROWING RUMBLE DISCONTENT AMONG INTELLECTUALS, WHO SAY FILS RICHER AT EXPENSE PERSONAL FREEDOMS; SAYS ESTIMATED 3500 ANTI-MARCOS FILS IN JAIL CHARGED WITH VARIOUS CRIMES, SO GOVT CAN SAY HAS NO POLITICAL PRISONERS. NOTES OTHER OPPONENTS CRUSHED BY MARTIAL LAW, INCLUDING JOURNALISTS, MIDDLE INCOME BUSINESSMEN, PROFESSORS, STUDENTS. POINTS OUT EVEN CHURCH FINDS DISADVANTAGEOUS SPEAK OUT, SINCE MARCOS "HINT" THAT CONSIDERING DECREE ALLOWING DIVORCE. QUOTES JOURNALIST THAT PHILS WILL HAVE MARTIAL LAW LONG AS HAVE MAROCS.

10. KOREA

COPLEY NEWS' EDWARD NEILAN (SAN DIEGO UNION 12/2) IN SEOUL CITES SKOREANS WHO BELIEVED FORD VISIT TO PRC WOULD HAVE STABILIZING EFFECT, CONTRIBUTE TO PEACE ON KOREAN PENINSULA.

IN FIRST OF TWO-PART SERIES, NEILAN PROFILES HIGHLY-EDUCATED YOUNG KOREANS, WHO SEE COUNTRY HAVING FUTURE, IN BUILDING OF WHICH THEY WISH PLAY CONSTRUCTIVE ROLE. AMONG THEM, IS KIM YONG-WON, U OF CAL PHD, WHO RETURNED HOME TO BECOME CHIEF ENGINEER AT AGE 37 AT ONE OF NATION'S

LARGEST CHEMICAL PLANTS.  
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IN SECOND OF SERIES, NEILAN REVIEWS SK EFFORTS TO POLISH IMAGE ABROAD, SUCH AS MAKING PRES PARK AVAILABLE FOR PRESS INTERVIEWS. FINDS SKOREANS AWARE "CRYING WOLF" ABOUT THREAT FROM NORTH MAY HAMPER ;MAGE -- BUT RATE CHANCES OF NK AGGRESSION AS "VERY HIGH" AS MATTERS NOW STAND,FEEL NKOREANS FRUSTRATED SO FAR BY ROK PREPAREDNESS, NATL DISCIPLINE. REVIEWS SURGE OF ROK AS TRADING NATION. FINDS GENERAL AIR OF APPROVAL, ENCOURAGEMENT OF ROK EFFORTS AT AMEMBASSY, WHERE MATTERS BEING HANDLED WITH "QUIET PROFESSIONALISM" THAT HAS MARKED CAREER OF AMB RICHARD SNEIDER.

11. JAPAN

DAVID THARP (CSM SPECIAL) IN TOKYO NOTES TALKS WITH GROMYKO WENT OFF LIKE WELL-REHEARSED POPULAR PLAY, IN WHICH LINES KNOWN TO ALL OFFERED NO SURPRISES. CONCLUDES GROMYKO STONEWALLING ON NORTHERN ISLANDS ISSUE AND PRESSURE AGAINST TREATY WITH PRC HAD "LITTLE POSITIVE EFFECT" ON IMPROVING JAPAN-SOV RELATIONS. INSTEAD, SEEMED MAKE JAPANESE SEEM MORE DETERMINED THAN EVER TO SEEK SOONEST POSSIBLE CONCLUSION TREATY WITH PRC.



IN LETTER TO NYT, WM BYWATER (PRES OF DISTRICT 3, IUE,  
E RUTHERFORD, NJ) REBUTS RECENT EDIT THAT HAILED  
11.5 BILLION DOL US TRADE SURPLUS FIRST ELEVEN MONTHS  
OF 1975. POINTS OUT DID NOT REVEAL 2.1 BILLION DOL  
DEFICIT FIRST NINE MONTHS 1975 IN NON-AGRICULTURAL TRADE,  
WHICH DEMONSTRATES THAT MFG SECTOR OF ECONOMY STILL  
IMPERILLED BY VAST TRADE IMBALANCE. CITES FACT US-  
MADE 25-INCH COLOR TV SETS NOT EVEN MARKETED IN JAPAN,  
EVEN THOUGH RETAIL FOR 400 DOLS LESS THAN JAPANESE SETS,  
AS EVIDENCE THAT US LIBERAL TRADE POLICIES HAVE NOT  
DIMINISHED TB, NTB MAINTAINED BY TRADING PARTNERS  
TO DETRIMENT DOMESTIC MANUFACTURERS. KISSINGER

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